Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions, aviation organizations, community airports, and airport operators; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Department of Transportation has 70 public-use airports across the state, serving 2,197 pilots, and 2,188 general aviation aircrafts; and,

Whereas, General aviation contributes to the state's economy, medical care, transports goods to Native American reservations, supports forest fire fighting, and boosts economic development for small communities; and,

Whereas, From the 2010 State Aviation System Plan, aviation supports nearly $791 million in state business sales; and,

Whereas, General aviation is integral to the state's response to emergencies and natural disasters, as well as a key component of business at South Dakota's commercial airports; and,

Whereas, The nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and direct Congressional oversight is necessary to ensure stable funding of this system; and,

Whereas, The communities within South Dakota depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourism, and visitors to our state:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 2017 as

GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State